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SUBJECT: US CONGEN AND LIBRARY IN GOTHENBURG

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AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, THE SWEDISH RADIO, CITING CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES, REPORTED ON JULY 29 THAT THE US PLANNED TO REOPEN ITS CONGEN IN GOTHENBURG AND THAT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AN AMERICAN LIBRARY WOULD AGAIN BE SET UP AS A BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO SWEDEN. ON JULY 30, MODERATE SVENSKA DAGBLADET COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS: "US WILL REOPEN CONSULATE GENERAL IN GOTHENBURG. IT WAS CLOSED WHEN RICHARD NIXON AND HENRY KISSINGER BECAME IRRITATED OVER UNCOMPLIMENTARY WORDS USED BY PALME IN CONNECTION WITH US ROLE IN VIETNAM. PRIME MINISTER HAS NOW BEGUN TO CONDEMN 'HENCHMEN' (REFERENCE TO SPEECH CRITICAL OF TREATMENT OF DUBCEK), AND IN WHITE HOUSE REASON HAS GAINED CONTROL OVER EMOTIONS.

"THAT LAST EVIDENCE OF OLD QUARREL WILL NOW BE REMOVED IS LARGELY DUE TO SWEDISH LOBBY LED BY HUBERT HUMPHREY IN AMERICAN CONGRESS. IT HAS NEVER GIVEN UP IN ITS EFFORTS TO REMOVE ONE OF THE UNNECESSARY COMPLICATIONS OF DIPLOMACY."

GOTHENBURG LIBERAL GOTEBORGS-POSTEN GIVES FULL REPORT, UNCLASSIFIED

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